FOR AND IN MANILA.

GENERAL MERRITT AT SAN FRANCISCO.

HE ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE MANILA EXPEDITIONS-MAKING READY TO SEND MORE TROOPS.

San Francisco, May 27 .- Major-General Merritt, Governor-General of the Philippines, arrived in this city last night. All future movements of the Manila expeditions will be subject to his orders. He will act only under instructions from Washington.

General Otis will accompany the second expedition, which is expected to sail within three now be in charge of Colonel James W. Pope, Chief Quartermaster of General Merritt's staff, who also arrived in this city last evening.

After a careful inspection of the 7.000 troops announced that the second Manila expedition Regiment, 1,008 men; the 1st Nebraska Regiment, 1,020 men, and the 30th Minnesota Regiment, 1,030 men-a total of 3,058 volunteers.

has been fixed, as the necessary transports are not yet ready for sea.

Major-General Otis has not yet established his headquarters at Camp Richmond, but will do so within a day or so. An inspection of the camp was made yesterday by Major Moore and Adjutant-General Berry, staff officers, and it was learned later that the departure of the second Manila expedition would be so hastened that, if possible, the chosen troops may depart next

Additional equipments have been unloaded at the camp of the 7th California Volunteers, and they are anxiously awaiting marching orders. Arrangements have been made quickly to supbly all that is lacking in the outfits of the Penn-Sylvania, Colorado and Minnesota regiments, and these also expect soon to be sent across the ocean. An extremely rigid physical examination has made of the Colorado troops by Lieutenant-Colonel Lippincott, of the staff of surgeons, which is said to have been satisfactory. The Nebraska men were also carefully scanned.

The men of the 13th Nebraska were paid yesterday, receiving nearly \$8,000 among them. The men of Idaho and Kansas, who for a time were neglected, are now being supplied with substantial camp fare. The alleged action of the Governor of Kansas in withholding the arms and equipments of the departing volunteers was strongly condemned in a resolution adopted last by the Building Trades Council of San

Recruits are presenting themselves for admis-ion into the 14th Infantry faster than they can The 10th Pennsylvania has caught the fancy

of visitors to the camp. Its appearance and dis-cipline attract much attention. NEW BRIGADIERS GOING TO MANILA. GENERALS GREENE, KING, GARRETSON

AND OTIS TO SERVE UNDER GENERAL MERRITT Washington, May 27.-Adjutant-General Corbin announced to-night that three of the brigadier-generals appointed by the President today would be officially designated, as soon as command troops in the Philippines. The generals selected for the Philippine expedition are George A. Garretson, of Cleveland, Ohio; Fran-

Greene, of New-York, and Charles King, of Wisconsin. Late this evening General Merritt, who is to be Military Governor of the Philippines, telegraphed to Adjutant-General Corbin, requesting that General King be sent with him to the Philippines. The request was approved and forwarded to General King, and so omes to all intents and purposes, a command. General King is the well-known novelist and a former officer in the United States

signified to the War Department their acceptance of the orders to proceed to Manila. Both are experienced officers, of marked ability, and will prove of great assistance to General Mer-

It is understood unofficially that Harrison Gray Otis, editor of "The Los Angeles Times." who served with the President in the 234 Ohio in the Civil War, and who was nominated today to be a brigadier-general, will also go to the Philippines.

Early next week another list of brigadiergenerals will be sent to the Senate. The list will contain probably from eight to twelve names. All of the officers on the list will be from the Southern States.

TWO MORE TRANSPORTS SECURED. BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT

the China and the Colon, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, were chartered to-day by Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, to carry troops to the Philippines. The ships, it is understood BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS HAVE VOTED here, carry fully 2,500 men, and if they can be made ready in time will form part of the second | Washington, May 27 (Special). Admiral Dewey expedition to the islands. Mr. Melklejohn suc- and his comrades are to be rewarded by Congress ceeded in communicating with C. P. Hunting- for the victory at Manila, the former with a magton, the president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, by telegraph somewhere in Iowa last | memorative of the victory. The Senate joint latter vessel is at San Francisco, where she is loading a cargo for the Orient, and was expected of with applause from the opinion that the Lodge amendment would not be to sail to-morrow. The China, Mr. Huntington paying attention to the proceedings. The resosays, will be at the Golden Gate to-morrow. As soon as practicable both ships will be turned over to the agent of the quartermaster's depart-

expedition to the Philippines-the Centennial. the Zealandia, the Ohio, the Colon and the China. Their combined capacity is approximately 5,000 men, and it is the opinion of the officials here that they may be ready to sail for Manila some time next week. The acquisition of the China and the Colon is a source of regards transportation. He explains that there is no desire on the part of the Government to impress vessels unless such action is absolutely necessary. The Government, the Assistant Secretary explains, wants to be absolutely fair in its terms of charter, but at the same time believes that it is paying for the vessels all they

It may be interesting to vessel-owners to know Meiklejohn in making contracts in the future to concede to them certain features relating to crew and fuel which were embodied in the charter of the City of Peking by the Navy Depart-

To-day the Pacific Coast Steamship Company offered the Department such vessels as could be conveniently spared from its line. The company | Brutus. expressed the hope that the Government would not take such vessels as its commercial trade required to conduct the business properly.

Department to obtain the six ships of the North-ON THE "IOWA" AT SAN JUAN. An officer of the "lowa" has written a spirited account of Sampson's cruise to Porto Rico, including a description of the hombardment, which appears in to-day's Commercial Advertiser, filling two pages, accompanied by a full-page (20x15) half-tone picture of the "lowa"; other illustrations; it pages and illustrated war supplement, 3 cents.—Advt.

asking a larger sum than the Government is disposed to pay. Mr. Meikleichn declines to increase his offer, believing that the benefits which would accrue to the ships from an American register would more than compensate them for to be turned over.

HAWAII'S ROYAL WELCOME.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AWAITS THE AMERICAN TROOPS.

Honolulu, May 20, via San Francisco, May 27. The citizens of this city held a mass-meeting The work of equipping the troops will on the evening of May 18 and made arrangements to entertain the United States troops when they arrive here. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one. Stirring speeches were made by United States Minister Sewall, United States now at Camp Richmond, it was semi-officially | Consul-General Haywood, William O. Smith, Attorney-General of Hawaii; William Kinney would probably be composed of the 1st Colorado and others. A committee of one hundred promirent men was appointed to manage the affair.

Meetings have been held from day to day, and all preliminary arrangements have been made. No time for the departure of the expedition | The Government has tendered the use of the large drillshed and the grounds surrounding the executive buildings A sumptuous spread will be prepared for the troops, under the direction of the women of Horolulu. Fruits and flowers in profusion will be provided, and everything will be done to make the short stay of the soldiers a memorable one. Over \$5,000 will be subscribed for the entertainment.

> There is much speculation in regard to the will not be allowed to land. If they do not come treated, nevertheless. Well-cooked food, fruits the support of a majority in the Senate, the and other luxuries will be sent on board the only opposition to such a policy of military prusteamers to be eaten on the trip to Manila. squad of ten men was sent ashore from the Bennington vesterday to assist in decorating the drill shed, where the soldiers are to be enter-

> The Bennington may convoy the City of Peking to Manila. The fact that the Alert is to the Bennington is for other service than to lie of the formal obligations of neutrality having at anchor in a peaceful port while battles are being fought elsewhere. The Peking is expected to bring orders for the Bennington.

CAPTAIN GRIDLEY ILL.

HE AND TWO OTHER OFFICERS SENT TO HONG KONG ON THE ZAFIRO.

Hong Kong, May 27, midnight, Greenwich time.-The United States auxiliary gunboat Zafiro, formerly a British merchant steamer, but now commissioned, mounting four guns and charge of a lieutenant-commander of the United States Navy, has just arrived here from Manila, having on board the captain of the crutser Olympia, flagship of Rear-Admiral Dewey, and two officers, who have been invalided.

The situation at Manila is unchanged. insurgents are quiet.

Reef costs \$2.50 a pound at Manile

The report that the commander of the Spanish the Senate had confirmed their nominations, to gunboat Callao was tried by court-martial and shot for not firing on the American ship which captured the Callao is untrue. The Zafiro will return to Manila next Monday.

> DISPATCHES RECEIVED FROM DEWEY. CAPTAIN GRIDLEY, OF THE OLYMPIA, IN-VALIDED HOME.

> Washington, May 28 .- At 1 o'clock this morning it was announced positively at the Navy Department that Captain Gridley, of the Olymple, had been invalided home. He will proceed from Hong Kong to the United States probably immediately, if he is able to travel, that two other officers of Admiral Dewey's fleet officials to be a mistake, as the Department has

> ceived from Admiral Dewey could be made public to-night, but it is unofficially understood that the dispatches contain nothing of a start-ling nature. The Department is satisfied, there-fore, that the story of the explosion on the cruiser Baltimore is without foundation. It is said positively that no information of that kind could be obtained by anybody from Manila be-fore the Department could hear from Admiral Dewey. That no such information has been received from him is proof that there is absolutely no truth in the report.

Captain Charles V. Gridley, the commander of the THE CHINA AND THE COLON CHARTERED | Olympia, entered the Naval Academy from Michigan in 1860, and was graduated in 1863. He was with the Gulf blockading squadron in the last two ve-of the Civil War, and has served continuously the Navy for thirty-seven years.

REWARD FOR DEWEY AND HIS MEN.

lution carries an appropriation of \$10,000. A board has already been appointed by the Secre-tary of the Navy, with Assistant Secretary Allen as its chairman, to consider and decide

VESSELS MAKING READY. THE PHILADELPHIA AND THE MONTEREY IN

Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., May 27.-The United States cruiser Philadelphia, after being thoroughly refitted, left the dock yesterday afternoon and the Monterey took her place. The satisfaction to Mr. Meiklejohn, who says that bottom of the Monterey will be scraped and the Department is now in much better shape as painted, after which she will be ready for her

The collier Peter Jebson (renamed the Brutus), purchased by the Government, with her cargo of 4,500 tons of coal, for \$270,000, is also being prepared for sea. Her engines and boilers were inspected and pronounced in excellent condition. Rapid-fire guns were put on board. She will make the trip to the Philippines in company

make the top with the Monterey.

A crew of Naval Militia from San Francisco numbering fifty-six has been ordered to the Mohican, which will depart soon with ammunition and stores for the Hawaiian naval station.

There are now at the Navy Yard fifteen United States ships, as follows: The Philadelphia, the States with the Yarktown, the Alert, the Mohican,

States ships, as follows: The Philadelphia, the Monterey, the Yorktown, the Alert, the Mohican, the Pensacola, the Independence, the Unadilla, the Monitor, the Comanche, the Hartford, the Thetis, the Ranger, the Ning Chow and the

CANARD ABOUT THE BALTIMORE.

London, May 27.-The stories circulated at Madrid and elsewhere regarding the Baltimore, to the effect that she had been blown up or disabled, are evi-dently groundless. The dispatch received at the anish capital from Manila apparently referred to anish capital from Manila apparently referred to incident of the battle of Manila, when a Spanish incident of the battle of Manila, when a Spanish instruct the Baltimore and exploded some amount of the Baltimore and exploded some amountiion, slightly injuring eight men on board.

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ern Pacific Company, for which the agents are HOT FIGHT OVER HAWAII, CONFUSION AS TO CERVERA.

A NEW MOVE BY THE FRIENDS OF AN. MAY NOT BE AT SANTIAGO. NEXATION.

AMENDMENTS OFFERED TO THE WAR REV-PAUE BILL WHICH PAVE THE WAY FOR ABSORPTION OF

THE ISLANDS.

Washington, May 27.-The Administration's clans for prosecuting the war excepted, interest here for the last few days has centred most non-annexation of Hawaii. The alleged agr ment in the Senate, by which the Hawaiian annexation resolution was to be abandoned by the

Republican managers in return for an assurance that the War Revenue bill, with the bondue clause reinserted, should be allowed to come to a speedy vote, has evidently been reconsidered, if indeed it ever had any existence outside the imagination of a few perfervid opponents of the Administration's Hawaiian pol-Both Senator Lodge and Senator Morgan of-

fered amendments to-day to be attached to the War Revenue bill, which pave the way for the ediate absorption of the Hawalian Islands into the dominion of the United States. Lodge's amendment borrows the language of the Newlands annexation resolution, now pending in the House of Representatives, while for the occupation and government by the United States of any islands in the Atlantic or Pacific which the President may take

come here seems to warrant the impression that | Government at Honolulu and its waiver so far

The opponents of annexation assert that they of the War Revenue bill if either the Lodge or carry their point, however, if they persist; the Government of needed revenue, and on the

erally. A vote on the resolution has so far been most autocratte powers. But there are limits beyond which the endurance of the House is not likely to go, and its failure to secure a vote so urgent a measure of National import ajority has departed in the popular branch

OPPOSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THEY THINK THE AMENDMENTS WILL DELAY THE REVENUE BILL

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 27 - The Hawalian annexation the annexation of the islands. Senator Lodge was streams of signal flags.

advantages in Hawaii." in presenting the amendment was the result of in- as ratiroad trains and firing their colored rockets vulged. She lay in Key West Harbor on Thursformal conferences among the stanchest advocates of annexation. They express the opinion that the amendment in the end will be accepted, but admit that in all probability it will result in delaying | The only exciting incident of the cruise oc-

Republicans.

annexation that the Administration is more anxious

ally oppose the Lodge amendment as inimical to the speedy passage of the Revenue bill. They say that the bill would be indefinitely delayed with the Hawaiian amendment included, and that under existing conditions this cannot be thought of, "if," said a member of the committee, to-day, "we should undertake to put all the legislation pertaining to the war on this bill, with controverted points included, we should not get away from here before next December."

It is the general understanding among those especially interested in the Revenue bill that the endment, if pressed, will be met with a motion to table, and they say that the Administration will not support the Lodge proposition, and that their motion to table will prevail.

Senator White, a Democratic member of the Finance Committee, said that the Hawatian amend- body of the fleet. nt, if pressed, would be laid on the table. is impossible to pass the Revenue bill with the Hawaiian annexation bill included," he said.

follows!

When any of the islands of the Atlantic or Pacific oceans are owned by the United States, or when they are occupied by the civil or military forces of the United States as a result of war with Spain or as a necessary means of conducting such war, to be determined by the President as the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it shall be inwful and within his discretion for the President to appoint a civil or military Governor of such island or any group of such islands, with full authority under such rules and regulations as the President shall prescribe, not inconsistent with the laws of civilized warfare, to maintain good order and to protect the lives and property and the domestic peace of the people thereof.

And there shall be extended over such islands, whether relating to customs duties or to internal taxation, as shall, in the judgment and discretion of the President, be justly applicable to such islands during the existence of the war with Spain. The currency of the United States, whether of gold, silver or paper money, shall be a lawful tender in said islands so owned or occupied, in the same manner and to the same extent that they same manner and to the same extent that they same manner and to the same extent that they same manner and to the same extent that they same manner and to the same extent that they are a lawful tender in the United States in the

SAMPSON'S FLEET CRUISING IN THE HOPE OF MEETING HIM.

A DISPATCH SEEMING TO SHOW THAT HIS WHEREABOUTS IS NOT KNOWN-BLANCO KEEPS UP THE

SANTIAGO STORY.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, via Key West, May 27, 8:15 p. m .been seen of the Spanish fleet. Should coast and bottle him up, the plans of both shape. A squadron of American ships could vasion of Cuba could proceed, with the assurunexpected appearance of a fleet of the enemy's

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF CERVERA officers with the fleet appear at all sanguine that run the gantlet into Havana. Admiral Cer-

will, it is hoped, encourage the Republicans in sixty miles long, called the Bahama Channel.

The United States fleet makes an imposing ing the horizon with from the flagship, while general orders as to with dispatches. The Dupont's officers and men tor Lodge's amendment is in the words of the Newlands resolution, and provides in direct terms for manœuvres of the fleet are communicated by say there was no firing at Cienfuegos while they

to the desk, and announced it to be his purpose the Admiral's orders to maintain a position not dent was a slight injury to the Dupont while to press the amendment to the end. "Henceforth," nearer than five miles astern in order to be out coaling from the lowe in a heavy said he, "the two measures must travel together.
Both are equally important, and under the circumstances it would be foothardy for us to forego our on, the horizon flash their reports to the carry Ceneral Jose Lacret's force of four hundred. out on the horizon flash their reports to the carry General Jose Lacret's force of four hun-Investigation shows that Senator Lodge's action Admiral, skimming through the water as fast dred men to some place in Cuba not then diinto the blackness of the night.

fore a number of the ships which afterward ing eastward in column abreast, when the tion of the House. They say that they will get the votes of all but four of the Republican Senators, out on the horizon dead ahead. Signal flags began to fly from the yards of the flagship, as Rear-Admiral Sampson made his disposition for battle, should the strangers prove to be the

Bugles sounded the call to general quarters, while the stacks of the American ships began to belch forth great clouds of smoke as the vesformation of successful commanders in modern navai battles and fight his ships broadside on. The speed was quickly increased to over ten knots and the course altered slightly to pass

the strangers on the port quarter. From the Dauntless with our glasses we see the men at quarters, stripping to the waist. blockaders remains in sight of Havana. Nettings to catch splinters were stretched about the chartrooms and bridges, and everything was opposed the departure of the French steamer

made ready for the fray. ONLY A FALSE ALARM.

Meanwhile the military tops of two of the strangers had removed all doubt as to the charbefore the correspondents, perched on the tops of the pilothouses of their boats, were able to recognize the newcomers the lookouts on the warships had identified them as two of the United States monitors and a supply-ship, which had been dispatched in advance of the main

SURELY AT SANTIAGO.

STATEMENT FROM PORT-AU-PRINCE AS TO CERVERA'S FLEET.

Chicago, May 27 .- A private cable dispatch to the Associated Press from a trustworthy person in Port-au-Prince, Hayti, dated May 25, asserts that he had positive information that at that time Admiral Cervera's fleet was in the harbor

PREFERS THE TRAP TO A FIGHT. Madrid, May 27.—The "Imparcial" to-day reit- Senor Polo de Bernabe, late Spanish Minister to erates that Admiral Cervera is at Santiago de Cuba, which port, it says, possesses advantages over Cienfuegos.

CHANGE OF TIME ON THE SANDY HOOK ROUTE.

Beginning May 25 steamers Monmouth and Sandy Hook will leave New-York, Pler 8, North River, week days at 4350, 10-15 a. m. (I Saturdays only), 3:45 and 5 p. m. Sundays, 9:30 a. m., 1 p. m. Arrive at New-York, week days, 8:35, 9:30 a. m., 1:46, 6:50 p. m. Sundays at 12 m. 6:50 p. m. Additional fast express train will leave New-York for the seashore from foot Liberty-st. at 4:45 p. m., and from South Ferry at 4:35 p. m., yia All Rail Route South Ferry at 4:26 p. m., via All Rail Route.

WAR NEWS OF TO-DAY.

Dispatches from Admiral Sampson's squadron say that the enemy's fleet has not been sighted, and make it doubtful whether Admiral Cervera is bottled up in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, as has been supposed for several days. These dispatches show that Sampson was off the north coast of Cuba yesterday.

It is announced in Madrid that Captain-General Blanco says Cervera is still at Santiago de Cuba, with the bulk of Sampson's squadron blockading the port and Schley's squadron watching the Yucatan Channel.

official information that Admiral Cervera's squadron is in Santiago Harbor has been received in Washington, and plans for the invasion of Cuba and Porto Rico are indefinitely delayed.

Commodore Schley has with him the armored cruiser Brooklyn, the battle-ships Iowa, Massachusetts and Texas, and other ves-

Four Spanish steamers, taken as prizes early in the war, were condemned to be sold at Key West, and two were ordered released. The crews of the four prizes will be held as prisoners of war.

The President decided that a large proportion of the volunteers under his second call ould be used to fill existing regiments up to their maximum strength.

An enthusiastic reception for the troops composing the expedition to the Philippines is being prepared in Honolulu. Two more transports were secured by the War De-

President McKinley sent a large number of nominations of brigadier-generals to the

DISPATCHES COME FROM SAMPSON

IS THOUGHT THAT HE TELLS WHERE CERVERA'S SQUADRON IS.

Washington, May 27.-There is abundant res son to believe that the naval officials to-night lved dispatches from Admiral Sampson, although at 11:30 p. m. no bulletins had been made public. It is considered probable that these dispatches contain information of the precise whereabouts of the Cape Verd squadron, naturally, the information would be sent to the naval authorities here as soon as fast boats and telegraph wires could carry it. That the naval officials have received this information is not doubted, but as yet they have neither given the long-expected news to the public, nor have they admitted that dispatches from Sampson have been received

SCHLEY'S HUNT FOR CERVERA.

THE BROOKLYN AND THREE BATTLE-SHIPS IN HIS SQUADRON

Key West, Fla. May 27.-Part of Commo chley's squadron sailed for the west end of Cuba about noon on Thursday, May 19. It consisted of the Brocklyn, the Texas, the Massachusetts and the Scorpton. The Iowa sailed sev-Cienfuegos on Sunday, May 22, where it was joined by the Iowa, the Eagle and the Vixen, and later by the Marblehead.

Commodore Schley had an idea that Admiral which is carrying guns and ammunition for Havana, would slip into Cienfuegos, which has relirond communication with the Cuban capital. Officers who have arrived here on the dispatch-boats from Schley say was found the Spaniards were not there.

On Sunday the Scorpion was sent scouting in the direction of Santiago de Cuba, and on Tues-The newspaper dispatch-boats are obliged by hour of its departure. The only unusual inci-

day, and therefore could scarcely have bomthe Cubans on that day, as reported in some

disparences.

Before reaching Clenfueges Commodore Schley sent dispatches to Rear-Admiral Sampson, in which he made no allusion to any collision with which he made no allision to any consisten with shore batterles. His orders were to look for the Spanish squadron, not to stir up the shore guns. It is believed here that he will send dispatches to Washington from Mole St. Nicolas or Kings-ton announcing the result of his search.

BLANCO'S REPORT ON CERVERA

cables from Havana that the torpedo-boat destroyer Terror, from Martinique, has arrived at Fajardo, on the east coast of Porto Rico. She intended to go to San Juan, but found four American warships cruising in front of the harbor and changed her direction for Fajardo. General Blanco's dispatch says that Admiral | ing with President McKinley." Cervera's squadron is still at Santiago de Cuba: that the bulk of Admiral Sampson's squadron is blockading that port; that Commodore Schley's squadron is watching the Yucatan Passage; that the American vessels have left Cienfuegos, and that the American fleet of

General Blanco says in his dispatch that he Lafayette with a cargo of coal, as the coal was

required for the Spanish ships. A dispatch from Havana says Captain-General Blanco has received news that nearly thirty

TALE OF TWO RECONCENTRADOS. London, May 28 -A dispatch to "The Financial

News" from Kingston, Jamaica, says the master of the fishing schooner Jane, which has arrived there, reports having picked up a yawl containing two reconcentrados who had escaped from Santiago de Cuba. He says th , told him that Admiral Cervera's squadron was in the harbor, that the vessels were coaled and victualled, and were ready to sall "when the Cadiz squadron arrives next week and breaks the blockade."

POLO GOING TO VIENNA.

London, May 28.-The Vienna correspondent of "The Daily Telegraph" says:

"Marquis de Hoyer, the Spanish Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, will be succeeded here by

the United States. "A semi-official report received from the Spanish Embassy in Vienna declares that the internal situation in Spain is quieter than it was, CHANGE OF TIME ON THE SANDY HOOK but acknowledges nevertheless that the defeat of Admiral Cervera would easily imperil the existing order of things in favor of the Carlists

Commencing May 50, new train to Chicago via D., L. and W. and Nickel Plate roads, leaving New-York daily, except Sundays, at 1 p. m., arriving at Chicago 4 p. m. Through vestibuled coaches and sleeping-cars.—Advt.

GREAT OPERATIONS WAITING.

NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE THAT CER-VERA IS AT SANTIAGO.

THE ADMINISTRATION UNABLE TO SET ANY

DEFINITE DATE FOR THE INVASION OF CUBA AND PORTO RICO.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, May 27 .- The Administration being still, according to statements made by Secretary Long to-day, without official knowledge the imprisonment of Admiral squadron in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, no definite time can yet be set for beginning the military operations planned by the President and his advisers for the invasion of Porto Ric

Surprise is expressed by military experts here that Commodore Schley, if maintaining a blockade of the entrance to Santiago Bay, has not been able to discover by means of scouts of spies whether or not the Spanish Cape Verd fleet is really at anchor under the guns of the harbor defences. Yet, so far as official information goes, naval and military strategists here are compelled to lay their plans for a campaign though it be, that Admiral Cervera's cruisers need not be reckoned with for the present in any operations looking to the seizure and occupation of Porto Rico and the expulsion of the panish forces under Blanco from Cuba-

It remains the general understanding in official circles that the reduction of Porto Rico will be undertaken within a week or two, military and political reasons combining to justify an immediate attempt on the more vulnerable and more marketable of Spain's West Indian col-

DISPATCH-BOATS WILL BE USED. NAVY DEPARTMENT DETERMINED TO END THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FLEETS.

Washington, May 27.-Unless the Navy De partment succeeds in securing some direct and official information respecting the Spanish and American fleets within the next twenty-four nours through the aid of the West Indian cables it will resort to the use of dispatch boats. The great majority of the Navy Department officials entertain no doubt that Cervers is within Santiago Harbor, and they have suceeded in impressing this belief on the Presi dent and the members of the Cabinet.

The reports from the newspaper dispatch boats as to the movements of Sampson's and Schley's squadrons in the last week are mystifying, even to the naval officers here, and one of them called attention to a statement coming from the West Indies to the effect that twelve war vessels were seen for a short time off Clenfuegos on Wednesday. This, he thought, was Schley's squadron, and, in that case, he could scarcely have covered the distance between Clenfuegos and Santiago, with a slowmoving fleet of fronclads, in less than two days, in which case Schley would not be off Santiago speculation, but it shows that there is still an element of doubt in the Department's calculations as to the whereabouts of the fleets.

It was announced to-day that Mr. Holland the inventor of the submarine boat of that hours later. The advance guard was at name, was expected here to-morrow to discuss Captain O'Neil, Chief of Ordnance, the feasibility of using that novel craft in an attack on the Spanish squadron at Santiago, if the The officials are disposed to receive in a kindly spirit any suggestion that might prove to be valuable, and they will discuss with Mr. Holland the details of his scheme, probably on the basis of a compensation to be paid to him for each Spanish vessel de-

AS IT LOOKS IN MADRID.

SPAIN REALIZES THAT EUROPE WILL NOT HELP HER.

London, May 28 .- The Madrid correspondent of "The Times," commenting on the "feeling of sadness prevailing in Spain," says: "It is less on account of Ministerial dissen-

sions, which are not really serious, than on ac count of a fuller appreciation of the difficulties of the situation-namely, that it is hopeless to expect any assistance from Europe, even France and Russia being, since Mr. Chamberlain's speech, averse to doing anything to precipitate complications. Spain now sees that she must trust to herself alone in an unequal struggle that can have only one end."

The Madrid correspondent of "The Daily Mail." who notices "a feeling in favor of an honorable peace," believes that one of the Powers will suggest arbitration when a fitting opportunity appears. The Madrid correspondent of "The Standard"

"Before Senor Gullon, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the late Cabinet, resigned he ascertained that the Powers would receive favorably complaints of any illegal war operations such as

Spain is now making. "The Spanish press bitterly laments the s fish motives underlying the reluctance of the Powers to intervene. It is now seen that Spain is isolated, and the idea is growing that better terms may be obtained by a direct understand-

BITTER COMPLAINT ABOUT MANILA. RIVERA BLAMES THE GOVERNMENT FOR

THE DISASTER OF MAY 1. Madrid, May 27-4 r. m.-In the Senate to-day Marshal Primo de Rivera, former Captain-General of the Philippines, defended his administration of the colony. He said he could not believe his ears when he was told of the disaster at Cavité, adding: "That rag called the American

flag shall never float over the walls of Manila." The Philippines, he continued, had not had adequate means of defence. He had appealed to the Government to supply them, but the Government had answered that the Pope had interwened and there was no fear of a rupture. The Naval Committee at Manila had examined into the question carefully, and reached the conclusion that it was quite impossible to offer battle

to the American squadron. "The Yankees are deceiving themselves," Marshal de Rivera declared, "as to the situation at the Philippines. It is absolutely impossible that they should become masters of the islands, for the natives, to an immense majority, are determined to defend the territory to the last, and

to maintain Spanish sovereignty." Captain Aunon, Minister of Marine, said it was inopportune to discuss the war at present. He had neither approval nor disapproval to express of Marshal de Rivera's administration, but he considered it necessary to exercise a certain reserve in the interest of the country.

In the Chamber of Deputies Senor Romero Giron, Minister for the Colonies, replying to questions respecting the authorization given the Governor of the Philippines to concede administrative reforms, said Captain-General Augusti had been empowered to act in the manner he deemed most desirable to draw the natives to

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